



NOTICE OF PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

DRAFT REMOVAL ACTION WORKPLAN NEW KING/LOGAN/PERKINS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL SITE SAN DIEGO, CALIFORNIA

PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD: September 2, 2003 to October 1, 2003
OPEN HOUSE: September 17, 2003, 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Logan Elementary School Multi-purpose Room
2875 Ocean View Blvd., San Diego, California 92113

WHAT'S BEING PROPOSED?

The California Department of Toxic Substances Control (DTSC) invites public comment on the draft Removal Action Workplan (RAW) for the San Diego Unified School District's (SDUSD) New King/Logan/Perkins School (Site). This Workplan addresses the removal and offsite disposal of approximately 363 cubic yards (545 tons) of soil from the proposed Site. The Site consists of 1½ blocks of former residential property in the Logan Heights neighborhood of the City of San Diego, California. The Site is located west of Interstate Highway 15 (I-15) and north of I-15, Martin Avenue to the north, an alley to the south (situation between Greely and Logan Avenues) and bounded by 31st Street on the west and 32nd Street on the east.

DTSC is responsible for overseeing environmental reviews and cleanup actions of proposed sites for new schools and existing school expansion projects throughout the state. The investigations detected lead and arsenic in soil samples in concentrations that exceed DTSC's health risk levels for school sites. Therefore, SDUSD proposes to remove the contaminated soil and transport it to a permitted offsite disposal facility.

DTSC has prepared a draft Notice of Exemption (NOE) for this project pursuant to the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). This project is considered exempt since it will not have a significant negative impact on the human health and the environment because of the relatively short duration and the controlled manner in which the contaminated soils will be excavated, loaded onto trucks and taken off-site for disposal/treatment.

HOW DO I PARTICIPATE?

This notice is to provide the interested community the opportunity to learn more about the project and provide comments to DTSC about the proposed soil removal action, during the thirty (30) day public comment period which begins on September 2, 2003 and ends on October 1, 2003. Your participation is encouraged. Comments concerning the draft RAW and NOE may be given at the Open House or submitted in writing to Ms. Laura Zarembo, Project Manager, at the DTSC address listed below, and must be postmarked by October 1, 2003.

An **Open House** will be held on September 17, 2003, 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at the Logan Elementary School Multi-purpose, 2875 Ocean View Blvd., San Diego, California 92113.

WHERE DO I GET MORE INFORMATION?

A copy of the draft RAW and other project documents are available at the Logan Heights Branch Library, 811 South 28th Street, San Diego, CA 92113 and City Heights Weingart Library, 3795 Fairmount Avenue, San Diego, CA 92105. Also, all site documents and the full Administrative Record pertaining to this project are available for review during office hours at the DTSC Regional Records Office, 1011 N. Grandview Avenue, Glendale, CA 91201. Contact: Jone Barrio at (818) 551-2886.

CONTACT:

If you have any questions or wish to discuss the project, please contact Ms. Maya Akula, DTSC Public Participation Specialist, at (818) 551-2917 or email: makula@dtsc.ca.gov. *Si desea información en español, comuníquese con el Sr. Eloy Florez al (818) 551-2875.*

The energy challenge facing California is real. Every Californian needs to take immediate action to reduce energy consumption. For a list of simple ways you can reduce demand and cut your energy costs, or for more information about DTSC see our web site at www.dtsc.ca.gov.